

God – our Creator, Saviour and Shepherd

Psalm 95

A Psalm of two halves

a call to worship God vs 1-7

a call to heed God vs 7-11

1. The worship we must give God, v1-7

- ***worship is to be encouraged v1-2,6***
“Come on, let’s do it!” Ps 122.1
we need the stimulus of others
- ***worship: a corporate activity v1,2,6***
personal, but collective Heb 10.25
how am I helping others?
- ***worship: a musical activity v1,2***
we’ve plenty to sing about!
- ***worship: a celebration v1,2***
thanksgiving for our salvation

- **worship: a joyful activity v1**
joy is the norm
- **our focus is to be on the Lord v1**
not on ourselves
- **recognise God and what he's done**
 - **he's the greatest v3**
unique, sovereign, supreme
 - **Creator and sustainer of all v4-5**
vertically and horizontally
Col 1.16-17; John 1.3; Heb 1.2-3
 - **Saviour and Shepherd v6-7**
he has made us what we are
- his chosen people
- **worship must be humble v6**
on our knees in submission

2. The Warning God Gives Us, v7-11

grumbling leaves a hardened heart v8

➤ *grumbling leads to quarrelling v8*
discontentment creates disunity

Ex 17.1-7

➤ *grumbling reveals ingratitude v9*
don't forget what God has done

➤ *grumbling reveals our lack of faith*
God withholds to test our trust v8-9

➤ *grumbling invites God's anger*
he is disgusted with moaners v10

➤ *grumbling forfeits God's blessings*
no rest for murmurers

*“Do everything
without complaining or arguing”*

Phil 2.4

*Today if you hear his voice,
don't harden your heart*

Heb 3.7-13